repayment, sale of surplus assests, etc. A composite picture of the financial implications of the above measures/total amount spent for revival of sick industries is not readily available.

Age Limit for Retirement

2685. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to reduce age limit for retirement of Government servants from 58 to 55 years;

(b) whether Government are aware that mental balance of Government servants has been affected due to Government's changing policy towards retirement as in the past Government have increased the retirement age from 58 to 60 again to 58 and propose now to 55;

(c) whether Government are aware that large sum is required to pay to the employees as retirements benefits;

(d) whether Government have made any provision for the purpose; and

(e) what steps Government are going to take to solve this stalemate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No proposal is under consideration to reduce the age of retirement of Central Government employees which is 60 years.

(b) to (e) Do not arise, in view of reply to (a) above.

Council for Clean India

2686. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Vigilance Commissioner has formed the Council for Clean India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the CFCI has suggested use of hidden cameras at sensitive places to act as automotive check on corruption; and

(d) if so, Government's reactions thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), it has set up a virtual organization, named as, Council for a Clean India (CFCI). The Commission have no

intention of making it into a registered or a corporate body. Instead, in the website of the CVC, the names of all the participants of CFCI would be included.

(c) and (d) The first meeting to the CFCI, held on 2nd July, 2001, was attended, among others, by eminent personalities and representatives of different non Government Organizations.

One of the suggestions in the said meeting was that it would be desirable to use hidden cameras to check corrupt practices. No formal proposal has been received by the Government from the CVC, in this regard.

Extension of Time for Submission of Report by Venkataswami Commission

2687. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that delay in submission of files by the Ministry of Defence to the Venkataswami Commission investigating the Tehelka sting-operation is one of the reasons for the Commission's plan for extension of time for submission of its report;

(b) if so, what are the other reasons in this regard; and

(c) by when, the Commission is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) The reasons given by Justic K. Venkataswami Commission of Inquiry while seeking extension of time for completing its work in all respects were on account of the wide ranging nature of the terms of reference, various legal procedures, examination of voluminous records submitted to the Commission, the request for examination and cross examination of various persons etc. which take time.

(c) The time for sumbmission of its report by the Commission has been extended by four months from 24.7.2001.

Literate / Illiterate employees in CBI

†2688. SHRI RAMA SHANKAR KAUSHIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the employees working on deputation in the Central Bureau of Investigation on the posts of constable to I.G. alongwith their educational qualifications;

(b) whether it is a fact that employees working in the Central Bureau of Investigation on the posts of constable to Inspectors are partially literate or illiterate;

(c) whether Government would like to repatriate such employees and appoint hardworking, educated and skilled employees; and

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.